

and integrated use of chemical fertilizers and organics give higher yields as compared to application of organics alone.

Promotion of contract farming

† 2647. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to promote contract farming and leasing out the land *under* the new agricultural policy;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a draft of some new action-plan has been prepared regarding lands of 76 per cent small and marginal farmers in the country; and

(c) if so, the comprehensive outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The National Agriculture Policy envisages that the private sector participation will be promoted through contract farming and land leasing arrangements to allow accelerated technology transfer, capital inflow and assured markets for crop production, especially of oilseeds, cotton and horticultural *crops*.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Sunflower cultivation Bihar

† 2648. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Bihar where sunflowers are cultivated; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote cultivation of sunflowers?

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